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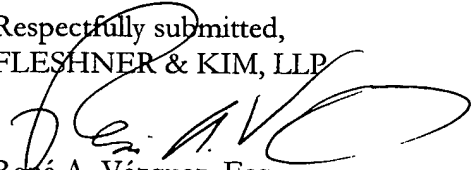
Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated April 1, 2005, claim 9 previously submitted in the Amendment filed March 15, 2005, has been corrected to add the status identifier. As required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.121(h), the Amendments to the Claims section is attached in its entirety at the end of this reply.

Should the Examiner have any questions regarding the above-identified application, the Examiner is invited to contact René A. Vázquez, Esq. at the telephone number listed below.

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